

At Random

When Washington admits that it was he who cut down the cherry tree, can anyone doubt the story?

Boys and girls don't have to be admonished to clean their plates these days. Food rationing and high prices take care of that.

The administration at Washington seems to tax everything but their minds.

Many people are born in debt and never get paid up.

Had we been alert to our opportunity, Grayling might have run a snow train to Detroit this winter.

We have had so little snow that it hasn't paid to own a hand sled.

Still, skiers seemed to find enough on the hills.

To drive a jeep or ten-ton tank would cure any boy of shyness.

After a politician has been elected several times, he becomes a statesman.

How's the Grand Jury investigation coming? Perhaps this is a full before a storm.

Yes, McKay has been able to keep out of jail, but he seems to have become wealthy; perhaps by hard work and thrift?

Many youngsters have learned to have faith in hair tonics until it is too late.

Honest confession may be good for the soul, but it's oftentimes worth a column in a newspaper.

Have you noticed that the fellows who are quickest to condemn are those with closets full of skeletons?

Basketball Tourney Drawings Saturday

On Saturday, February 26, the coaches of the competing schools will meet at the Grayling school building to draw for places in the District No. 44 State Basketball Tournament which will be held here on Friday and Saturday, March 3rd and 4th.

Class "D" teams this year include Fairview, Gaylord, Gay, and St. Mary, and Johannesburg. Class "C" teams include Grayling and Onaway.

This is one of the smallest groups in recent years, but preliminary records of the teams indicate that the games will be close and that the two winners will have to display their best brand of basketball to bag the trophies.

Grayling Students At Michigan State College

Included in the civilian and military enrollment of 6,361 students at Michigan State College this winter quarter are three students from Crawford County, according to R. S. Linton, registrar.

They are: Mary Jane Joseph, senior; Gloria Frances MacNeven, senior; and Virginia Ruth Smith, senior, from Grayling.

Ice and Warm In Florida

Coldwater, Fla., Feb. 18, 1944. Dr. Mr. Schumann: We had a nice visit with Ebbie at Macon, Ga., and are now settled for a few weeks at Fort Lauderdale. It is a nice little city, growing fast. Ideal weather, the nights much warmer than our northern Michigan nights in winter. There is always a cool breeze in the daytime, and I am finding some good practice in

E. J. Olson.

Nurses Meeting

A meeting for Registered Nurses and trained attendants will be held at Nurses Home here on Monday, Feb. 28, at 8:00 o'clock the evening. Dr. C. G. Clippert will speak on "Socialized Medicine."

Mrs. John Selesky, Sec'y.

Notice to Veterans Of World War 2

The local American Legion Post will aid every eligible veteran to secure his or her mustering-out pay.

See Alfred Hanson, local Service Officer, for information and application blanks.

North Carolina Leads
North Carolina is the leading producer of mica in the United States.

Mrs. Henry Bates Broke Here For Burial

The body of the late Mrs. Henry Bates, a former resident of Grayling, was brought here for burial Wednesday afternoon, February 16. Among those here to attend the funeral were Henry Bates, brother of the late Melvin Bates (of Grayling), one son, James and wife, of Dearborn; a daughter, Mrs. A. E. Ladwig, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Bates' sister, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, of Detroit.

Elnora Van Slyke was born in Oscoda, April 2, 1877, and with her parents came to Otsego County, where they lived until she was a young woman. She married Henry Bates on Nov. 14, 1896, at Gaylord where they continued to live for several years. Later they moved to Maple Forest, where Mr. Bates lumbered and farmed. They lived at Grayling for some time before going to Detroit, where they lived for the past thirty years.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, two daughters, Mrs. A. E. Ladwig (Rena) of Milwaukee, and Mrs. F. G. (Bertha) Dickason of Rawalpindi, Punjab, India; one son, James, of Dearborn, Mich.; and eight grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, of Detroit; and two brothers, George P. Van Slyke and Horace Van Slyke, both of Detroit.

Mrs. Bates suffered a heart attack and died Sunday evening, February 13. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and Philathea Class, Detroit. Funeral services were held from this church Tuesday afternoon, and the body was taken to Gaylord, where it remained until noon Wednesday, later being brought to Grayling for burial.

Mrs. Bates was a friend to all those who came to know her. She was ever ready to help others. Her sunny disposition gave her countless friends who mourn their loss. She was active in the Detroit Baptist Church, which sent her daughter Bertha into foreign missionary work sixteen years ago.

Church Aids Hold Social Affair

One of the most enjoyable church parties that has been given in some time was arranged by the Senior and Junior Aids of the Michelson Memorial Church, together with the Aids of the Danish Lutheran Church.

The get-together was held on Tuesday afternoon (Washington's Birthday) and the decorations and talks were appropriate for the day.

After the singing of "America" by the 60 guests, Rev. Mr. Kuhlman and Rev. Svend Holm gave very interesting talks on "Washington," citing historical incidents leading up to the present time. The Junior Choir of Michelson Memorial Church, under the direction of Mrs. Emil Geigling, rendered the following numbers:

(Chorus of 16 Voices)
"Passing By"—Purcell
Chorus singing "Hansel and Gretel", Piano Solo

Ruth Decker
Solo "The Wee Wee Folk", Piano Solo
Solo "The Wee Wee Folk", Piano Solo

Sue Geigling, Patty Bishaw
"I Am An American"—Chorus

"Tea was served from a long table, centered with a patriotic arrangement of fruit and flags guarded by candelabra with lighted red, white and blue candles. Mrs. Svend Holm and Mrs. Japne Smith, president of the tea and coffee service. A committee from each of the four Aids arranged the lunch.

One of the pleasant features of the party was the announcement that Mrs. Hansine Hanson was having a birthday. Happy Birthday songs in both the Danish and English tunes were sung for her, to which she responded graciously.

A spirit of unity is a fine thing to develop, especially in a small community, and everyone felt that the party was very successful for that reason.

Peterson Beverages Changes Hands

Tuesday of this week Carl W. Peterson, owner of Peterson Beverages, manufacturer of carbonate beverages, sold his interests to Taracks Distributors of Alpena.

This has been a prospering business and has been built up to not only a high standard of products, but to a large volume. It is because of his health that Mr. Peterson has been obliged to give up the business. For a brief interval, however, he will remain with the new owners—Howard Taracks and Louis Donville, both of Alpena—until a new manager can be secured.

Has Many Minerals
More than 300 different minerals have been located in North Carolina.



This year, with service flags in windows of nearly every home, Red Cross will mean so much more to Americans. As depicted in this reproduction of a 1944 Red Cross War Fund poster, many windows also will display the symbol of participation in the cause of Mercy and Humanity—the Red Cross.

Crawford Co. Leads State In E Bond Sales

Out of 83 Michigan counties, Crawford County was first in the sale of "E" bonds. And in that issue our county sold 50% over its quota.

This is a marvelous record and one of which we may all be justly proud. According to population, one out of every six men, women and children in Crawford County purchased at least one "E" Bond.

And a gratifying thing about it is that this drive was made without any fanfare, entertainment, drive, solicitation or bond sale party. People just came out and laid their money on the barrel head of their own free will and accord.

The Crawford County Bond Sale Committee is grateful to everyone who may have contributed to this big success.

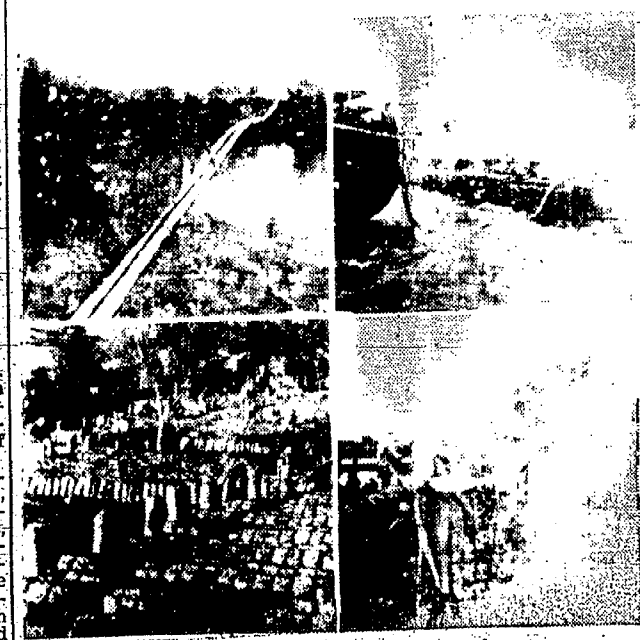
There will probably be a fifth war loan drive in a few months, but in the meantime it is hoped that everyone will systematically purchase War Savings stamps.

Celebrate Birthday

Following the Senior Prom last Saturday evening, several friends of Caroline Jane Post gathered at Zauel's to help her celebrate her 18th birthday. The girls in the party made and decorated a lovely birthday cake, with "Best Wishes, Janie" inscribed on it. After the opening of gifts, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

The party was held in the private dining room and all reported a grand time. Those attending were: Ernestine and Beverly Stephan, Helen Gould, Donna Brown, Betty Smith, Bennie Allen, Ed Howse, John Harmer, Gerald and Dale Burns, and Jack Post.

Pipeline Gets Oil to Italian Front



Top left: Yanks constructed this pipeline which carries oil from an Italian port to the battlefield. It was built in a week. Bottom left: Terminal point of the line. Top right: Tanker docked at the port pumps gasoline directly into the pipeline. Bottom right: Lieut. Col. Charles L. Lockett, who commanded the pipeline builders, receives a report.

O. E. S. Holds School Of Instruction

Thursday evening at the Masonic Temple, the Eastern Star Chapter held a class of instruction which proved both instructive and enjoyable.

Mrs. Lelah L. Brown of Bellevue, Michigan, Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, was the guest of honor and reviewed the work of the order. She complimented the officers and pointed to the excellent manner in which they exemplified the work.

Mrs. Bert Norris, as Worthy Matron, was in the East, and Mrs. Acc Long, Associate Matron, sat in the West. Philip Moran is Worthy Patron.

Following the instruction, the members retired to the dining room, where, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Howard Granger and her committee, a fine lunch was served. Valentine decorations added beauty to the table.

Rev. H. W. Kuhlman was called on for remarks, to which he responded very nicely.

Mrs. Brown was praised by everyone present for the very efficient manner in which she reviewed the work, and was unanimously requested to return at some future time. Mrs. Norris presented her with an appropriate gift for her services.

Mrs. Brown was accompanied here by Mrs. William Isbell of Eaton Rapids, Worthy Matron of Eaton Rapids Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Womans Club

The annual meeting of the club was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Welsh. Mrs. Norman Butler, president, was in the chair. After minor business details were settled, election of officers was held with the following results:

President, Mrs. Joseph Stripe; vice-president, Mrs. Norman Billings; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Glenn Penrod; recording sec'y, Mrs. Alfred Sorenson; corresponding sec'y, Miss Margrethe Bauman; treasurer, Mrs. T. P. Peterson.

Mrs. Carl Johnson, chairman of the program committee, explained a few of the necessary changes in the program. The meeting next Monday evening will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Bond. It will be a Military Program and only the O.W.I. (the program committee) know the military secret. It will be released after all members have arrived and doors are closed. And it's not that "the President's wife is arriving for the winter sports."

Mrs. Joseph Stripe was to have shown a movie of the "Pan-American Highway," but a faulty light bulb made the showing impossible.

A social hour followed while tea was served. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Herluf Sorenson, Mrs. Joseph McLeod and Mrs. Herbert Gothro.

Grange Notes

The members have been busy this winter; have met at the hall several times for work and pleasure.

At last the quilt started by Gram Feldhauser is finished, and will be on display at the hall next Saturday. Tickets will be sold to members only.

Next Saturday there will be another get-together at the hall. The ladies are working on a needle quilt, so bring in all the neckties you can—a good place for the men to get rid of some of those Christmas ties they don't want. Pot-luck at noon. Everybody welcome.

There will be another party on March 11, also a St. Patrick's dance March 17; remember these dates.

The ladies are making plans for an Easter bake sale, April 9. Time and place to be announced later.

Regular meeting March 4.

Phonograph Records Wanted

Old, obsolete or broken phonograph records are wanted. The American Legion will collect the records and forward them to headquarters for remaking.

Check over your discs and turn in as many as you can at the Hartley Grocery. Condition of the discs is unimportant; the materials they contain is what is needed.

New records will be made and sent to the Armed Forces abroad. John Selesky, Chairman.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely appreciate the kind expressions of sympathy, kind assistance of friends and neighbors, and the many floral offerings given throughout the sickness and at the death of our beloved father.

The Eli Forbush Family.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Senior Play Former Grayling Woman Teacher In India

Thursday, "Street of Dreams"

Annual Red Cross Committees Appoint'd

The Annual Red Cross War Fund Campaign for funds required in 1944, begins March 1, and extends through March 31, inclusive.

Crawford County's quota is \$3,700.00, and once more we must keep up our past record of never having failed to do our share and more.

The splendid work that is being done by the Red Cross in World War II is well known by all and the organization fully deserves the backing and co-operation of all our citizens. A Red Cross film is to be shown at the Rialto Theatre on Friday and Saturday nights of this week and next and it is well worth seeing. Do not overlook the fact that your contributions to the Red Cross are deductible from your income tax.

The Red Cross Committee in charge of this year's campaign is composed of Roy Trudgeon, as Chairman; R. A. Wright, co-Chairman; Glenn Penrod, Mrs. Eva Joseph, Mrs. C. G. Clippert, and T. W. Hanson. Field solicitors are as follows:

Airport—Harold Throop
Business Section—A. J. Joseph, Emil Geigling
A&P Tea Co.—Earl W. Dawson
Lake Margrethe—Mrs. Carrie McClain, Dr. R. Van Vleck, Mrs. John Brady

District No. 5—Mrs. Carl Hanson and Mrs. Zina Peterson

Mercy Hospital—Sister Mary Fidelia

District No. 4—Mrs. Daisy Norris and Mrs. Jane Welsh

County Garage—L. D. Hunter

Resorters and Local—Roy Trudgeon, R. A. Wright

Camp Grayling—Ernest L. Larson

South Side—Rev. A. L. Calkins

Grayling Schools—Al Misso

Grayling Bank—John Bruun

Kerry-Hanson Company

Liland Snook

Dore Mfg. Co.—M. E. Pore

State Garage—Wm. G. Galt

Lovells—Frank Wood

Grayling Township

Mrs. A. J. Wakelley

Hotel—Mrs. I. Cassidy

City—Mrs. Esbern Hanson

Margrethe Bauman

South Branch Township—Sydney A. Dyer

Maple Forest—Arthur Howse

Beaver Creek—Halmer Mortenson

Frederic—Mrs. E. A. Corsaut, Mrs. Harry Horton.

MACKINAC STRAITS FERRY SERVICE

The State Highway department announces the following Straits ferry schedule: Leave St. Ignace at 8:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Going north, they leave Mackinac City at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

In Memoriam

BEN ALLEN
In loving memory of our dear husband and father who died one year ago today, February 19, 1943.

One year has passed since that sad day
When one we loved was called away.
God took him home; it was His will.
Within our hearts he liveth still.

Sadly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren.

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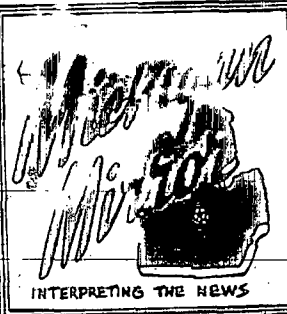
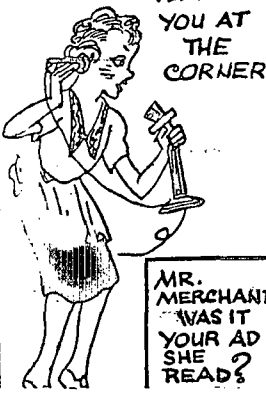
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THURSDAY, FEB. 24, 1944.

OH, GRACE, SOME OF
 THE BEST BARGAINS
 IN THE PAPER TODAY!
 LET'S GO SHOPPING!
 I'LL MEET
 YOU AT
 THE
 CORNER!



Michigan's soldier-sailor ballot plan, calling for the primary election July 11 and filing of candidates' petitions by May 16, is already speeding up state politics.

Certain people must make up their minds.

For example, the Kelly-Keyes situation which is the current A-1 question in the Republican party. Will Dr. Eugene B. Keyes, lieutenant governor, abide by his 1943 pledge not to oppose Governor Kelly in the 1944 election or will he listen to the voices of dissident partisans who would like to chastise the governor now?

In the Democratic camp the absence of a strong candidate is causing concern. Judge Frank Picard is adamant to please that he should forsake the federal bench for state politics. Former Governor Murray D. VanWagoner is reported to be disinterested in the hazards of the gubernatorial two-year term and, on the other hand, very gratified by his substantial earnings as a consulting engineer.

Governor Kelly is a candidate for re-nomination and re-election. He has the support of a solid front of Republican officials: Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Auditor General—all of whose terms end next December 31.

These men have the advantage accruing to the party in power. Their acts are given publicity almost daily by performance of public duties, as contrasted with the Democrats' handicap of waiting for nominees to emerge.

The single possible threat to Kelly's re-nomination in the July 11 primary is the independent and politically ambitious Lieutenant Governor Keyes, who apparently has not made up his mind whether to run for Governor in 1944 or in 1946. Last spring he authorized an interview statement, verified in writing, that he would not oppose Kelly for re-election in 1944. Recently he is said to have advised friends that he would not run for re-nomination as lieutenant governor in 1944. As these two statements are at cross purposes, it may be assumed that Dr. Keyes has not reached a decision but will do so within the next ten weeks.

The Kelly-Keyes situation is not new to Lansing.

Governor VanWagoner found his running mate to be an attorney, virtually unknown to up-state party leaders, who possessed by happenstance the charmed name of Frank Murphy. The two men had little in common, and the lieutenant governor was not summoned frequently for consultation at the governor's office.

Dr. Keyes finds himself in much the same position as his demo-

cratic predecessor. During the 1943 legislative session, he was not invited to the governor's office for counsel, probably for the reason that Kelly thought it more practical to get advice from other state leaders because of their background of experience.

Whether Kelly intended it to be such a mere side speculation, but the fact remains that Keyes has not received the spotlight of public attention which his personal ambition has craved. He feels that he should be more than the presiding chairman of the state senate. In fact, as the potential governor of Michigan in the event of the death of the governor, he should be an active partner in making decisions of government.

Unfortunately for Dr. Keyes, it has not worked out that way. It didn't work out that way for Lieut. Governor Murphy. And there are observers who may add that the function of the lieutenant governor, under the state constitution, was never intended to be otherwise. For years the lieutenant governor has been regarded more as part of a political combination to woo the voters. The late Luron Dickinson possessed unique ballot virtue among up-state church-dry voters and was re-nominated almost biennially for second place on the state ticket.

To a man of Kelly's well-defined logic it would be more sensible to provide in the constitution that one of the state elective officials—secretary of state for example—succeed the governor in the event of the latter's death. Kelly's experience in state government was as secretary of state. State Treasurer D. Hale Brake and Auditor General Vernon J. Brown both received valuable training in the state legislature.

The new governor then would be a man who had experience as a state administrator, who was familiar with current problems, and hence was in an intelligent position to act with wisdom.

As it is today, the lieutenant governor devotes perhaps one day each week to his duties of office except for the period of the legislative session at Lansing, when he presides as chairman of the state senate. This isn't the fault of Dr. Keyes; it is just the official system.

Dr. Keyes' viewpoint is probably as follows: Another two years of limited opportunity to serve the public would automatically impose denial of self-expression. He would continue to be the presiding chairman of the senate a month or so, now and then. He would attend sessions of the state administrative board. In brief, his chances for leadership would remain limited, while elective officials would have the accumulative benefit of the public spotlight because of their full-time service.

This dissatisfaction with his role may have led him to embrace the political opportunism of making a personal attack on Governor Kelly before the township supervisors, a move said to have been countenanced by Melvin McPherson, Mayor George Walsh of Grand Rapids was unable to persuade the Governor for diversion of sales tax to municipalities, and he also utilized Keyes as a handy threat of retaliation. County road commissioners also remember the Governor's veto of the 1943 highway act.

Other pressure comes from the C.I.O., for example, who condemn the Governor for failure to do this or that. Any special session puts the Governor on the spot, for he is responsible alone for inclusion of subject matter in the official call.

Because of the personalities involved, the Kelly-Keyes clash was, and is, inevitable.

As the time nears when positions must be filled, Dr. Keyes must make his decision, either to abide his time until 1946, as he pledged he would do in an authorized statement in this column last spring—or risk his political future in 1944 with a withdrawal of his showdown with Governor Kelly.

Pride, an emotional factor, may prompt him to assume the risk now. Or cautious judgment may lead him to reaffirm his original decision which would bring the fateful test to 1946, a non-presidential election year.

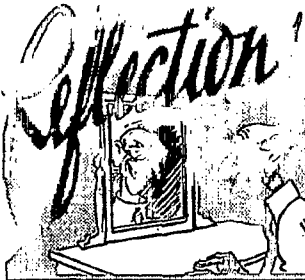
The day of decision is drawing near.

Light's Development
 The ancient Egyptians torch-lighted funeral processions to the pyramids—lighting some great Pharaohs to eternal darkness with blazing rods of metal, topped with balls of oil-soaked rags or reeds—were among the early picturesque forms of light, along with the Grecian decorated halls, ablaze with intricately decorated torches, fastened to the great walls, lighting brilliantly the celebration of a victory for the glory of Greece; the Roman lamp, ornamented in a style reflecting the art of the Greeks and the Egyptians.

Interested in Canals
 George Washington was much interested in the commercial possibilities of canals, and fostered their construction.

Indispensable Strait
 The strip of water between Florida Island and Malaita, in the Solomons, is named "Indispensable strait."

Choose Greenest Leaves
 When selecting the cabbage coming into market, choose the ones with the greenest leaves for these contain more vitamins and minerals.



STILL A WAYS OFF

A lecturer told his audience that the world would probably end in seven billion years.

"How long did you say?" came a terrified voice from the rear.

"Seven billion years," the lecturer repeated firmly.

"Thank God!" said the voice. "I thought for a moment you had said seven million!"

Smart Fellow

Stranger—Here, let me help you up the hill with that wagon. The fellow who sent you out with that should have known it was too heavy for you.

Delivery Boy—He did! But he said: "Go on. You're sure to find some old fool who'll help you."

Reverse Twist

He—How about having dinner with me?

She—I'd like to.

He—Okay. Tell your mother I'll be over at six, and I like steak.

Example No. 1

Joe—You talk about controlling your temper. I bet you don't know of anyone who hasn't spoken a few nasty words.

Bill—W-w-why c-c-c-certainly I-I do!

OLD, BUT RATIONED



Waiter—Tea or coffee?
 Diner—Coffee without cream.
 Waiter—I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to take it without milk. We don't have any cream any more.

Fiddle Dee Dee

Harry—I'm going to give you this violin.

Jerry—An out and out gift?

Harry—Yes, no strings on it!

Sober as a Judge!

Lawyer—Why don't you take a drink, Judge? Try a whisky and soda!

Judge—No thanks! I've tried too many who have!

Hash?

Customer—Walter! Walter!

Waiter—Yes, sir.

Customer—Has this been eaten?

Or am I supposed to eat it?

Bright Boy

Prof.—What is the difference between electricity and lightning?

Stude—We don't have to pay for lightning.

Way Back to Bach!

Nit—So that's written by Bach.

What's he composing now?

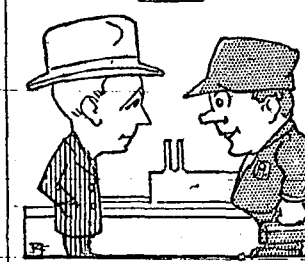
Wit—Nothing! I think he's decomposing now!

Not Guilty!

Judge—It seems to me you've been coming before me for the past ten years!

Habitual—Can I help it, Judge, if you don't get promoted?

FAMILY TREASURER



Harry—My wife collects a big salary these days.
 Jerry—Working in a defense plant?
 Harry—No. I am!

Pleasant Company Passenger on bus—You don't mind my smoking this cigar, do you?
 Second passenger—Not if you don't mind my being sick!

Occupation Trouble Italian—Thank you for all da trouble. I did not want to cockroach one your time so much!

AEP—No trouble at all. But you mean "cockroach."
 Italian—Cockroach! Oh, yessa, I see. It is a difference of gender!

Vicious Circle

Jones—You say your uncle left you nothing? I thought he was rich.
 Smith—Well, you see he lost his health getting wealthy, and then he lost his wealth trying to get healthy!

Washable Slip Covers Can Be Laundered in Home

Slip covers should be fresh and clean, which they definitely are not at the end of the summer. If they are made of washable fabrics they can be laundered at home. Because the pieces usually are large and bulky, and heavy when wet, it is a good idea for two women to help each other in this task, especially if the washing must be done by hand.

Remove the covers, and shake out loose dust before putting them into a tub of lukewarm sudsy water, or into the washer. For washing by hand, make a plunger to agitate the fabrics. A large funnel fastened to a broom stick will do if a real plunger is not obtainable. Washing will be easier if a single slip cover is put into the tub at one time. Arm rests and head rests may need special attention by rubbing against a board or between the hands. Wring the cover loosely into a second sudsy bath and again agitate gently with the plunger.

When all soil has been removed, rinse in clear lukewarm water at least three times, then put through the wringer and hang the cover to dry. Some women like to give body to the covers by dipping them in a very light starch after the final rinsing. If the material is sleazy or thin this helps the appearance greatly.

Army Repair Shops Buoy Restoring Many Articles

Millions of articles of army clothing and equipment are being repaired each month by quartermaster corps repair shops in all parts of the world. At present, nearly three million articles are being turned out monthly by shops in the continental United States alone.

Quartermaster corps repair shops handle all articles of clothing and equipment, including such items as tents, blankets, haversacks, canvas, webbing and other textile articles, typewriters and office machines.

Quartermaster shops at approximately 280 posts, camps and stations in the United States are saving the government nearly two million dollars a month through their repair activities. Overseas quartermaster repair shops are in operation at numerous bases. These fixed installations are supplemented by repair shops on wheels, operating in theaters of operations where it is impracticable to set up permanent establishments.

Articles in excess of the capacity of overseas repair units are returned to the United States for repair or salvage and are handled at newly established repair sub-depots on the east and west coasts.

Rubber Tapping

On each side of main straight-up-and-down incision on rubber trees, tributary incisions are cut to bring in the latex to the main down-the-tree stream, after the manner of brooks emptying into a river. This is known as the herringbone pattern. A second phase of the better tapping methods concerns the manner in which the tapper climbs the castile tree. In the past tappers often have not climbed the trees at all, thus failing to get much rubber that might be obtained from the upper trunk.

They are now taught to use rope belts slung around the tree and around their seats, as a means of hoisting themselves up the trees. They climb with their bare feet, leaving hands free for knife wielding. One tapper, using the better methods in untapped territory, went from tree to tree, climbing and tapping each, and collected 1 1/4 gallons of latex in two hours. Another, in a less promising area, got five gallons in an hour and 40 minutes. This contrasts with about five gallons a day expected from a good tapper by the old methods.

Controlling Explosives

A typical instance of control over giant explosive forces was the damming of the Saguenay river in Canada for a hydroelectric project. The torrential rush of the current balked successive attempts to complete a cofferdam, the conventional method.

So the dam was built completely out of the water, standing upright on end upon one bank of the river. The steel and concrete structure towered 95 feet in height, was 45 feet wide and measured 40 feet where it was to plumb the river at its deepest point.

The problem was to drop its huge bulk into place in the stream. The margin between success and failure was rated in inches. A Du Pont expert planted 1,000 pounds of a gelatin dynamite in just the right spot to blow away the supports holding the dam upright. The entire charge exploded as a single shot. The tower toppled and fell. Five seconds after the blast, the huge dam rested squarely on the target.

Suds for Eyeglasses

People who wear corrective eye glasses as well as those who wear goggles and other protective eye glasses know how distressing it is to have the lenses become cloudy and blurred. Smudges impair the usefulness of glasses, and constant removal and wiping is a nuisance.

According to a well-known New York optician, glasses should be cleaned every morning with soap and hot water. Do this, he says, and they will seldom need cleaning during the day. Rinse them well and dry them with tissue paper or a soft, clean, absorbent cloth.

Specialist Says Millions Of Pounds of Milk Wasted

Enough milk to supply 120,000 troops for one year is being wasted annually because of careless handling, says J. H. Hetrick, University of Illinois college of agriculture.

This quantity of milk, estimated at 43 million pounds, would be worth more than \$750,000. Representing the production of 11,781 cows, the labor of 1,170 people is required to prepare this amount that is deemed unfit for market purposes.

Of all the factors to be considered, efficient cooling and the use of sterile utensils are most important, Hetrick says. Soap is not a good cleanser for milk equipment because it leaves a film which can not be removed easily by rinsing. This film harbors bacteria and makes sterilizing difficult.

Milk leaving the udder of a healthy cow contains very few bacteria, but these will multiply rapidly unless the milk is cooled to a temperature below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Within 12 hours at 80 degrees Fahrenheit, one bacteria will produce 3,000 new ones, but little growth takes place under 50 degrees.

Cotton Insulation

Low-grade short staple cotton not required for military or other fabrics has found a use as cotton insulation. It was used for insulating maintenance buildings along the Alcan highway and it is now being used for trailer or "knock down" houses for defense communities, refrigerator cars, refrigerators and for some marine construction.

This cotton insulation is flame-proofed with an effective chemical solution which also repels rats, mice and household insects as well as preventing mildew. Specifications require it to be at least three-quarters of an inch thick, but it may weigh less than one ounce to the board foot. If there is a supporting backing, it must be flexible and repel moisture. After installation, the cotton does not sag.

There are seven firms in the United States that are manufacturing cotton insulation, and retail merchants now sell it by the batt or roll and about 1,000 square feet will insulate an average attic.

Bottoms Up

Experience has shown that wall washing is most successful when started from the bottom. Using an old, softened scrub brush apply some of the soap jelly to the wall or woodwork. Rinse the area with cloths wrung out in clear cool water. Wipe it with a clean dry cloth, then continue up the wall. By working up toward the ceiling, instead of down, there is less chance of streaking. Rinse water should be changed often. Floors can be protected from dribbles of water by placing old newspapers all along the sides of the room. Calclined ceilings cannot be washed. If ceilings are painted, and are to be washed, they should be done before the walls.

Wall washing is not hard work, but it is time-consuming. It is also rewarding work because it can produce beauty and cleanliness. Both are needed for home morale.

Present in Medicinals

Those Americans who do not yet realize the importance of the need for waste fats, doubtless are not aware that glycerine is present in many medicinals used by the armed forces to keep our soldiers in fighting condition. Following are some of the uses:

Tannic acid used in the treatment of powder and other burns. Some insulins used in the treatment of shock as well as diabetes. Tinctures of opium and gentian used as sedatives to ease the pain of wounds.

Smallpox vaccine as a preventive injection given to all men in the armed forces.

Sulfaz diazine ointments for treatment of fungus growths and abrasions.

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Rationing at a Glance

Board opens to the public 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. every weekday.

PROCESSED FOODS.

Green G, H and J in Book 4 good through Feb. 20. Green K, L and M good Feb. 1 through March 20.

MEATS, CHEESE, BUTTER, FATS, CANNED FISH, CANNED MILK.

Brown stamps V, W and X in Book 3 good now; expire Feb. 26. Y also good now; Z, Feb. 20; expire March 20.

SUGAR

Stamp 30 in Book 4 good for 5 pounds through March 31. Stamp 40 good for 5 pounds containing sugar through Feb. 28, 1945.

SHOES.

Stamp 18 in Book 1 and No. 1 airplane stamp in Book 3 good for 1 pair each until further notice.

GASOLINE

Stamp A-10 good for 3 gal's thru March 31. B, C, B-1 and C-1 stamp good for 2 gallons until further notice. B-2 and C-2 stamps good for 5 gallons until used. State and license number must be written on face of each coupon IMMEDIATELY upon receipt of book.

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Next inspection due; A book vehicles by March 31, 1944; B's by Feb. 29; C's by Feb. 29; commercial vehicles every 6 months or every 5,000 miles, whichever is first.

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Coupons 3, 4 and 5 good now. No. 3 expires March 13. Unit value 10 gallons. Change-making and reserve coupons good throughout heating year. Consumption in the Saginaw area as of February 19 should not have exceeded 59 percent of season's ration.

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District Director John E. Kessel broadcasts from Station WDFE 1:00-1:15 p. m. every Friday; WECM, 3:45-4:00 p. m. every Friday; WSAM, 3:15-3:30 p. m. every Tuesday.

REAL ESTATE: When you want to buy or sell property of any kind, see Art. Clough, Real Estate Broker, 500 McClellan St., (U.S. 27), Grayling, Mich. Phone 4741.

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The property known as the former Burrows Market Corner, n.e. specifically described as the North-easterly 43 ft. of the North-westerly 95 ft. of Lot 5, Block 11, Original Plat. For further details, inquire at the City Office, Grayling, Michigan. 2-17-

FOR SALE—House on South side 2 lots. Inquire of O. F. Schumann.

FOR SALE—Good house, 2-car garage, and 3 lots. Cor. Smith and Park sts. Phone 4816.

FOR SALE—Good sand-gravel potatoes, \$1.50 per bushel. Wheat and Buckwheat, \$2.25 per 100 lb. 305 Ionia Street. Dial 2731. 2-10-4

WANTED—Men to cut logs and pulpwood. See Melvin Marshall, Phone No. 4598. 2-23-

WANTED—To buy, by a soldier, an electric iron in good condition. Call Sgt. Counts at 3892.

WANTED—Used baby play pen in good condition. Alva Perkins, Box 50, or 303 Shellen barger, Grayling, Michigan.

WANTED—Girl for general of fice work. Office in Grayling. Write to Taracks Dist. Co., c Crawford Avalanche. 2-24-

FOUND—One small female beagle. Black and white, some tan. Also large male beagle, black and white and tan. Inquire of William T. Miller, Big Creek Lodge, Lovells, Michigan.

WANT TO buy, or rent with option of purchase, a residence property, preferably within the corporate limits of Grayling. Address-B, care of The Crawford Avalanche.

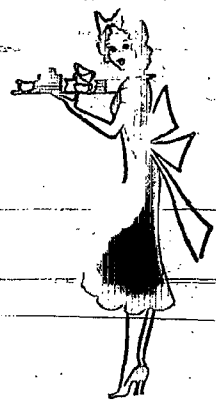
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News Briefs

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph spent Sunday in Lansing, combining business and pleasure.

Chain-store owners don't give a hunk for you, except that they are glad to fatten their bank rolls from your purchases.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Vogt, all of Detroit, spent the week-end at their cottage on Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan and little daughter, of Cadillac, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Borchers and family and Mrs. George Stephan over the week-end.

Mrs. Earl Dawson returned Friday from Ann Arbor, where she spent two weeks visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dunham, and family.

Alfred Hanson, who is attending Michigan State College, East Lansing, was in Grayling visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson. He attended the Senior Prom while here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brady enjoyed having with them over the week-end, some of their family: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witham, and Jean and Monica Brady, all of Detroit.

C. Nielson of East Tawas is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Her. C. Nielson, who is a very able carpenter, has been building some fine new built-in kitchen cupboards for her.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark left Friday for Saginaw, where they spent the week-end with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark. Bob Clark, who is at Michigan State College, East Lansing, visited there also.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport drove to Bay City, Friday. They found the roads in that area so icy and bad that they remained there until Saturday. On their return trip they enjoyed a perfect clear highway from West Branch to Grayling.

O. P. Schumann was hostess at her bridge club at lunch Wednesday afternoon of last week. Score totals for Contract followed, showed Mrs. Giegling and Mrs. C. R. Keyport to be winners. Mrs. Keyport and Mrs. Russell Keyport were guests.

Miss Wanda Cardinal is spending a few days in Pontiac.

Mrs. Minnie Hartley was in Bay City the first of the week on business.

A. J. Zauel of Saginaw was in Grayling on business over the week-end.

Bob Brooks and two gentlemen friends, of Detroit, were here over the week-end.

It always seems a little more like community loyalty when one patronizes the home-owned stores.

Grayling Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Danish service on Sunday, February 27, at 4:30 p. m.

Julie Hunter, daughter of Mrs. Matilda Hunter, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan, of Cadillac, for a couple weeks.

Mrs. Gordon Pond left Sunday for Detroit to visit her mother, Mrs. George Woods and family for a week.

Phyllis Ziebell celebrated her tenth birthday Wednesday, and had several girls as her guests after school.

Mrs. Charles Corwin Jr. and children spent the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cogswell and daughter Miss Helen, of Detroit, are enjoying a stay at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Rob Chappell, who is in the Navy and stationed in Groesbeek, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ruby Chappell.

Mrs. Leo Koerper left Monday for a few days' visit in Detroit. She accompanied Mr. Maurice Dore, who went to that city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMahon (Martha Kolka) are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born February 22 at Mercy Hospital, Bay City.

Misses Mary Ann Failing and Donna Millikin, of Midland, were home visiting their respective parents, and also to attend the Senior Prom.

Pvt. Chester Krak of Bay City is here on furlough from the Navy. Mrs. Krak, who is a daughter of Mrs. Kolka, is with him at the Kolka home.

Corporal Richard Rasmussen of Fort Myers, Florida, arrived Tuesday for a 12-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen.

Mrs. Leo Koerper is in Detroit for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Thomas Cassidy and Mrs. Louis Kessler were in Midland over the week-end visiting relatives.

Robert Ellis and George Fairbottom left Wednesday noon to join Uncle Sam's Navy forces in Idaho.

Mrs. A. J. Nelson is entertaining the Danish Ladies Aid Society at her home this (Thursday) afternoon.

Mrs. Floyd McClain left Friday to spend a few days in Detroit with Mr. McClain, who is employed in that city.

Mrs. Thomas Morley will return the last of the week from a visit of several days with her daughter and family in Detroit.

Little Timothy Perry was two years old Sunday, and his mother, Mrs. Lloyd Perry, had all the family in for dinner that evening to celebrate the occasion.

A number of friends of Mrs. Jess Sales were her guests Wednesday evening, the occasion being her birthday. The evening was spent informally, and the hostess served a lovely lunch.

Twelve ladies were guests of Mrs. Hansine Hanson, Sunday afternoon, to help her celebrate her birthday, which fell on Tuesday. Following a social afternoon, the hostess served a lovely lunch.

Mrs. Wm. MacLeod entertained the "Just Us" club at her home Monday evening. The time was spent playing pinocle, after which a lovely lunch was served at a long table decorated in a patriotic motif.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. James Hodgson, of Birmingham, were week-end guests at Snoppenagons Inn. They were accompanied by John Bruun, who was in Detroit on business.

Grayling Lutheran Church will have another pot-luck supper and social evening at Danebod hall, Sunday evening, February 27, beginning with supper at 6:00 o'clock. Keep the date in mind, and bring your "World of Song" book.

Mrs. N. B. Van Natter went to Detroit Friday night to visit her son, Harold Coutts, for a few days, and also to meet her son and wife, Corporal and Mrs. Dorey R. Coutts, who arrived in Detroit from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Saturday morning.

Pfc. Daniel Brown, who is serving his country in the U. S. Coast Guard and has been stationed in Panama for the past four years, arrived Monday for his first furlough in that time. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown and family.

Next Sunday our Girl Scouts are attending church in a body. We are happy to have them. Our "Marines" are struggling to boost their membership to 35. It now seems quite certain this goal will be reached. The big jamboree for the boys is now scheduled for about St. Patrick's day.

Rev. H. W. Kuhlman.

The Ladies of the Rebekahs spent the social part of their last meeting with their sister, Mrs. Love, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Hartley. They had a most enjoyable time, with visiting and games. They desire to thank Mrs. Hartley for her kind hospitality, and hope to be with them again.

Recently several Naval officers made a tour of the Fisher Body Die and Machine unit in Detroit. A newspaper illustration showed them watching an employee, Johanna Wilkowski, at her parts inspection job on naval anti-aircraft gun breeches. Miss Wilkowski is a sister of Mrs. Joseph Casper of Grayling.

Mrs. Carlton Wythe and Mrs. Frank Decker were hostesses at the social evening of the American Legion Auxiliary. Bunko was enjoyed during the evening.

A high score being held by Mrs. Alfred Hanson and low by Mrs. Leo Jorgenson. Before the social part of the evening, Mrs. John Selesky, Misses Betty Jean Failing and Leone Jorgenson were initiated into the Auxiliary.

A surprise anniversary shower was given for Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hunter Monday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter by friends and neighbors. Pinocle, bridge and buncos were played and prizes given for high and low scores. The guests of honor received many lovely gifts. A very nice lunch was served to the guests at a late hour.

Dr. George A. Drescher of Lewiston was stricken suddenly following attendance at a clinic Friday at the Alpena hospital, and is still very ill. Dr. Drescher is at present the only practicing physician in Montmorency and Oscoda counties. He and his family are quite well known in Grayling, his daughter, Barbara, being one of last June's graduates of Grayling High School.

Sergeant and Mrs. Dorey R. Coutts arrived in Grayling Monday from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on a 15-day furlough, and will visit the Sergeant's mother, Mrs. N. B. Van Natter, of Grayling, and Mrs. Ernest Little, of Kalkaska. Sgt. Coutts received a telegram from Fort Sill, conveying the news that he had been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant the day after he left on his furlough.

The congregation of Grayling Evangelical Church, with children, will have a social evening Sunday, February 27, at Danebod Hall. Pot-luck supper at 6:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scheeran enjoyed a week's visit from their daughters, Mrs. J. M. Packer and Miss Dorothy, of Detroit, they returning home Wednesday. Also their son, James C., of Bay City, visited them Friday and Saturday.

A very attractive George Washington dessert bridge was given by Mrs. Harold Jarmin, Saturday afternoon at her home. Miss Margrethe Bauman and Mrs. Frank Bond held the high scores. Mrs. Emil Giegling and Mrs. Ernest Hoesli were guests of the club.

Word reached here today from Ray Clement of Detroit that his nephew, Thomas R. Walker, who was in service, passed away.

Military funeral services will be conducted at the Sorenson Funeral home at 1:15 o'clock, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ann Weiss returned to Baltimore, Maryland, Tuesday, where she is employed, after a few days' visit with her mother, Mrs. William Weiss. Miss Ann makes her home with her sisters, Mrs. Clara Stone and Mrs. Norberta Beauchamp; the husband of the latter is in the Army.

Bridge Club Dinner

The ladies and gentlemen enjoyed another of their bridge dinners, Wednesday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport and Mr. and Mrs. George Olson were the hosts.

The dinner was served in the Michelson Memorial Church dining room by the Junior Aid ladies. An evening of bridge followed at the home of the Keyports. Mrs. O. P. Schumann and Mr. Charles Moore held the high scores.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes and guest, Mr. Thomas Wyels, of Alma, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stancil were guests of the club.

TAKING ADVANCED STUDY

Sheriff and Mrs. John A. Papendick, whose son, Robert, enlisted in the Navy, have received the following letter from Commander MacNichol of the Naval Training Schools at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.:

1 February, 1944.
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Papendick, 307 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Papendick: No doubt you know your son Robert has been selected for advanced training here at the Naval Training Schools, University of Minnesota.

During the sixteen weeks he will be here, he will be given a specialized course leading to the rating of Electricians Mate. This course will help to prepare him to operate, maintain and service all electrical equipment in the Navy, ashore and afloat.

We are happy to have him as a student. This letter is to assure you that we are interested in giving him this valuable training. Upon successful completion of the course, he will be eligible for promotion in rate and pay. He will have an education in a skill which will increase his value to the Navy and be of great worth to him upon his return to civilian life.

His selection for further training calls for congratulations to him.

Sincerely yours,
H. F. MacNichol,
Company Commander.

I will be in Grayling, Friday and Saturday evening, February 25 and 26, 1944. Offices over Guggisberg's store, 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. Eyes examined and glasses prescribed. Call phone 148M, Grayling, for appointment. Dr. Kenneth W. Tinker, Optometrist, Traverse City, Michigan.

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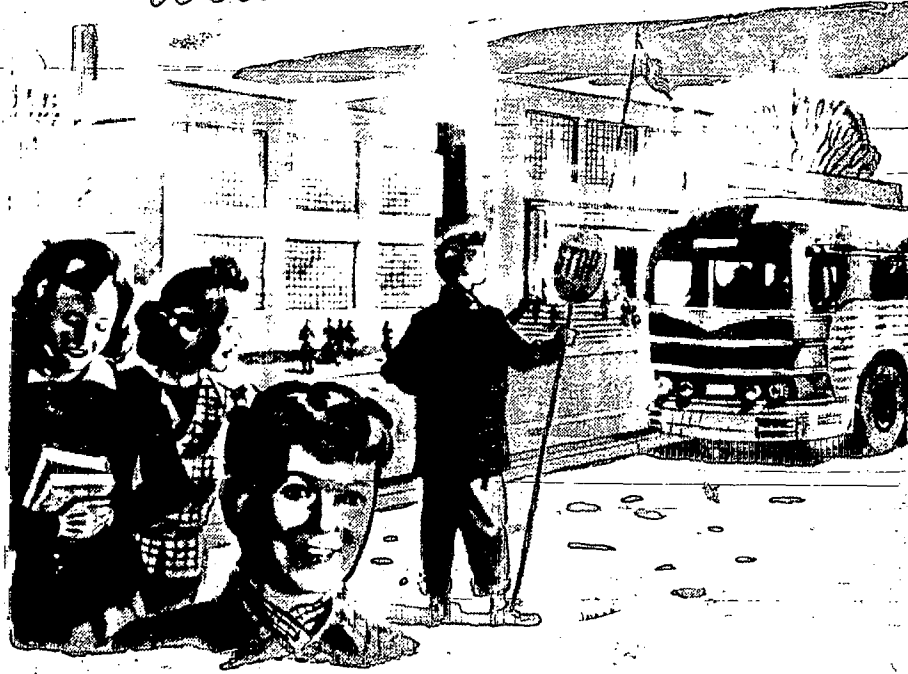
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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

February 24, 1921

There was a big crowd at the village caucus Friday night. The highest number of votes cast was 80. The following make up the ticket for the election March 14: President, Geo. N. Olson; Clerk, Christ Jensen; Treas., Marius Hanson; Assessor, Walmer Jorgenson; Trustees, Frank Sales, Albert Roberts and Harry Simpson.

Miss Anna Nelson was hostess to a number of friends at a George Washington party at her home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. P. Davidson was called to Bay City on account of the serious illness of a relative.

Mrs. Dan Custer of New York City was a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. M. Lewis and family over the week-end. Mrs. Custer was formerly Miss Lucille Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kraus entertained 12 friends Saturday evening at a "500" party. Mrs. Robert Reagan and Alfred Hughes held the high scores.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Havens returned from Bay City, Friday.

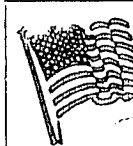
where they had spent two weeks visiting friends. Miss Agnes is taking a secretarial course in Bay City.

Dolph SanCartier, machinist for Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co., was the victim of a painful accident Monday when he was struck on the head and face by parts of an iron drive pulley which broke while the machinery was in operation. His wounds were dressed at Mercy Hospital.

Dr. Oscar Palmer has been confined to his home for more than a week by illness. He and Mrs. Palmer were just ready to take a trip to Alabama and Florida when he was taken ill.

Arthur C. McIntire left Sunday night for Grand Rapids to attend the Grand Rapids Auto Show and place on exhibition a display of Raymond wheels and rims, the agency for which he with A. J. Nelson in partnership have secured for all of Michigan.

W. H. Brigham, day foreman at the round house, leaves today for Kalamazoo. A. E. Mason, who formerly occupied that position, will resume it, and John Zeder of Deward will take Mr. Mason's place as night foreman.



Letters from Camp

Northfield, Vermont, Feb. 2, 1944.

My dear Mother, Dad and Howie:

How is everything at home? All's well at good old Norwich.

Looks like we will be leaving here soon. This college is one of the many they will be closing to cadets April 1st. At least, there are not any more new fellows coming in to learn the names of. I think that our bunch will get some flying in, but I doubt if the bunch behind us will. You see, that pool and my own are the only ones here who have already been to classification, so we will probably ship out from here together. That reminds me, while I think of it, will you please pack up my helmet and goggles and send them up to me? I will be needing them soon.

I was just thinking tonight: it was five years ago this coming April that I started my flight training before. It doesn't seem so long, to say five years, but when I stop to think of how much has happened during that time, it does seem a very long time, doesn't it? Time goes by so fast, especially up here. The

past twelve weeks zoomed by without my hardly realizing it.

Have you been having any new snow and cold weather? A cold wave moved in on us the first of this week. But in spite of the coldness it is bright and sunny each day; warming up a bit during the day. Had about 2 inches of new snow Monday. Just sufficient to clean things up a bit. With 650 pairs of G. I. shoes tramping around, it doesn't take long to pack down the snow.

My studies are coming along all right. I gave my first speech yesterday in English speech class. It wasn't so bad getting up and talking to the class, easier than I thought it was going to be. Got an 80%; that wasn't too bad, was it? I still have an average of about 90% in history, 85 in physics; but mathematics and geography are down now. Will make that too, so don't worry about it. I guess they plan on about fifty percent washouts in classification—therefore the colleges will be turned back to the civilian students, or a certain percent of them will be. Too many cadets now. I'm glad I'm already through

classification. That's one less possible chance of a washout along the line.

They have some new planes now. Pretty fast, too. I can hardly wait for the time when I can go out to the airport. We get flying pay too, after four hours in the air. That consists of 50 percent of base pay.

Cal (my roommate) is sitting here trying to write a speech outline; he will have to give his tomorrow. I feel for him, but can't quite reach him. He got a haircut today; looks like the barber forgot to pull out of the dice on the side of his head. He's practically bald on the sides. You know, one of those old-time bowl cuts.

Haha. He's taken no chances on getting giggled next Saturday for not having a haircut. I'll be the next to get giggled for laughing at him.

I received a letter from Evelyn Berryman, mother, like you said. Are you and Dad taking life easier for once? You should be by now. At least you deserve to. I bet you will have a lot of questions to ask me when I come home. I've got the answers all ready for you. All about my trip, stay in Miami, etc.

You all be good, take care of your health and be happy. I'll be seeing you some day.

It seems a long time since I waved goodbye to you and pulled out for Detroit, doesn't it? Almost five months.

Well, I must close now and get to work. Write as often as possible.

Love, Arnold.

A-S Arnold G. Babbitt, A. S. N. 36876383, 56th C. T. D. (A.C.) Alumni Hall, Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont.

U. S. Army Air Forces Lowry Field, Colorado Feb. 17 1944.

Dear Mr. Schumann:

I just finished reading the Avalanche, and, as usual, I enjoyed reading it. I have just nine more days of school left, and then hope to get my long well-earned furlough. It has been a long time since I've seen good old Grayling. Reading the paper brings home right out here.

Denver is the best town I have been in yet in my Army life. I am going to miss this place a lot. The people here are really swell. There is plenty to do. Dancing, mountain trips, well, everything a G. I. wants to do.

Photography is a thirteen-week course and it is really wonderful. I live in the biggest barracks in the world. I can't say how many men it holds, but plenty. The winter out here is really something. The sun shines every day of the year. Well, anyway, every day that I've been here.

I have been to the mountains several times now, and hope to go at least once more before I ship out. I don't know where I will go from here, but hope it is out this way again, because I love this part of the country. After the war, if I am not too old, because it is going to last a long time yet, I am coming out here and see some more of it that I have missed.

Yes, I think we will be fighting this war for two years at least. People say we will be home by Christmas, but they don't say

what one. There are a lot of fellows out here from Michigan and all like it a lot. I guess Denver reminds them a lot of Detroit and other parts of Michigan. I would give anything to see my brother Ted. I haven't seen him in 15 months. We are planning on spending a furlough together at home. I sure hope it comes true.

Well, Mr. Schumann, it is about my bedtime, because 3:45 comes pretty early for me; I like to sleep too well. So will close for now, hoping all my friends in Grayling are well.

Sincerely,
Tracy J. Nelson 36588488, 45 T.S.S. Lowry Field, Denver Colorado, The Mile High City—5280 ft.

RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS SUSTAINED IN ACTION

Pfc. Wilbert Swanson is in hospital in New York recovering from wounds received in the war and writes the following letter to his sister, Mrs. Clarence Gross, of Grayling:

New York, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1944.

Dear Anne:

This is Sunday, and has been my first time to have the chance to write, as I have been in the hospital. I am still in, but don't know for how long.

I think the Army sent you word about me, but I was hoping this letter could get home first. I am getting along pretty swell, so none of you worry.

They treat us real good in here—only it is hard to get used to being waited on.

You let all of them at home know the reason I haven't written, including Mr. Schumann. You will get my Purple Heart for me. Don't worry, and I will write again real soon.

Love,

Your brother,
Wilbert Swanson
Btr. B. 68th C. A. A. A. P. O. 464, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

REMINISCENCES OF "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

Oscar Schumann says in his "At Random" column in his Grayling Avalanche: "This Editor has many times caught the limit of trout, even when the limit was 35, and we hope the time will come again when that will be possible."

We might add, it was our pleasure to fish in most of those great trout streams in every direction from Editor Schumann's town, and we can even vouch for what he says—that it was an easy trick to catch your limit. 35 almost every time you went out—and what beautiful specks and rainbows. But Editor Schumann was like other trout fishermen. He sought other streams, and we have fished with him in most of Cheboygan's streams, when they had lots of trout, and not as many fishermen as did congregate around Grayling in those days, to fish the different AuSables, and the Manistee. Going farther back, Editor Schumann and the Observer Editor fished many of the Barry County lakes, too, but that was close to 40 years ago—that was long before the trout bug bit us.

I like to hear him review his fishing experiences, because I was identified with so many of them, and all were pleasant.

Al Webers Cheboygan Observer.

Al's remarks bring back many pleasant reminiscences. And it was a great day for us, even if we did capsize from a raft in the Pigeon river. And we'll never forget that trip the full length of Mudlet Lake, with the waves breaking across the launch. But it was worth the risk, for we got a fine lot of whitefish in the Cheboygan River flats. Al's certainly a great scout to get out with.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford, held at a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 31st day of January A. D. 1944.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of Augusta M. Duby, Deceased.

It appearing to the Court that the time for presentation of the claims against said estate should be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court;

It is ordered, that creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Court at said Probate Office on or before the 10th day of April, A. D. 1944, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy: Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate. 2-3-4

Birds Have Keen Vision—One of the mysteries of vision in nature is the pecten, a fan-shaped structure in the vitreous humor of the eye of birds. Birds have the keenest vision found in nature and it is believed that the pecten has something to do with making the eyes of birds so much better than other eyes.

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In the Editor's Mail

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 7, 1944.

The Crawford Snow Slide, Grayling, Mich.

Greetings, Folks.

Finally, after months of what I wanted to do, I did get my Snow Slide (Avalanche) today, which brought me nearer to home—as I do like to hear and enjoy the gossip of the home town as to what is going on. But I am quite surprised that I find less or nothing of the Grayling Sportsmen Club. What's the matter? Someone step on someone's foot again? There are two feet to us, why worry about one—or are the Boys, in fact, all the folks, forgetting that outdoor recreation is the mainstay of the home town, and should be looked after more now than at any other time, what are we going to show later to anyone, and especially the youngsters who are fighting for us and expecting to come back to the outdoor sports they left in our trust to keep to them?

The sportsmen are the backbone of our natural resources, so let's not fall down on it, but do the best we can, so we shall not have to explain to anyone why we failed in our duty to the trust that was left us.

Just because some of the officials in Lansing have forgotten there is such a place as Grayling, or any town in M.E. Michigan, on that town or that has no pull to reap the benefits of the majority, should not stop them from showing these officials that these towns are not lacking in fight to preserve what is their natural right; and they are not alone in this, for some other sportsmen's clubs are ready to accept and offer suggestions and help in their fulfillment.

How well we know that fishing was poor and hunting is rotten—then what will it be later, unless we do our duty to our trust... "lest we forget, that nature's resources are ours to protect, and not for one man in a swivel chair."

We should make our decisions and correct our mistakes before they are too great, as there is no one man with ability so great but that another can take his place. I am referring to some of our Conservation officials who let the Government spending spree get the best of them and start spending the sportsmen's money in building boardwalks into our forests and streams, causing water sheds and hunting lanes, or "natural trails" as they say, and I believe a majority of sportsmen agree with me that they would rather walk a mile or two in the unspoiled trails of nature to have a bountiful day of outing, than to drive their car into the dining room of nature's folks and sit on the running board of a car and get nothing—as the other fellow was there already and got more than he wanted.

That is what is happening to our good game and fishing country, by so-called "fire lanes". In my estimation, they are boulevard where game and fish can be killed and gotten with a lazy man's energy. Parks and good roads are OK in the right place—but not in the backyard of the wild folks, to be disturbed at the least provocation. If we wonder why fishing was so poor, especially in Crawford district, if this were given more attention and looked into and the Boys who are vitally interested in the same given consideration due them, a big step toward improvement of conditions would be taken. "All is not gold that glitters."

Well, I guess I have spouted enough for the present, and hope that this letter will bring favorable reaction toward keeping our great outdoors inviolate—toward real improvement of hunting and fishing.

Best regards to the Sportsmen's Club and the Avalanche.

As ever,
George J. Bielski.
5640 Koperneck St., Detroit 10, Mich.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford, held at a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1944.

Present: Honorable Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Estella V. Goodar, Deceased.

Earl Morrison, having filed his petition, praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased and that administration of said estate be granted to him or some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That said 27th day of March, A. D. 1944 at nine A. M., at said Probate Office is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That Public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

Bob Newcomb was reading me a letter the other day—from his son in the Marines. Dick Newcomb's somewhere in the South Pacific, thousands of miles from home, yet he writes to ask:

"Tell me, Dad, do they still pitch horseshoes back of Bay's? Is Johnny keeping my tools in shape? Are the trout still biting in Seward's Creek?"

Makes you realize what the men over there are thinking about. Sure, they're fighting for Democracy and Freedom and a Better World Tomorrow.

But the things they dream of coming back to are the little simple pleasures that mean home to all of us—like a home cooked meal, a glass of beer with friends, a game of horseshoes in the backyard.

From where I sit, one of our most sacred obligations here at home is to keep those little things exactly as they remember them—to keep intact the world they're fighting for.

Joe Marsh

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford, held at a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 9th day of February, A. D. 1944.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Apollonia P. Eckenfels, deceased. Gertrude DeLaMater having filed in said Court her petition, praying for a license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, That the 13th day of March, 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate. 2-10-44

Church News

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday Services
10:00 A. M.—Bible School.
11:00 A. M.—Public worship.
Young People's meeting at 6:30. Join us in these helpful meetings.
Public is invited.
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

GRAYLING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

English Sunday Services.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11 A. M.—Worship.
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Sunday Services
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Sermon—11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship—7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting—7:30 p. m.
Friday—7:30 p. m.
Come and worship with us.
Alva Calkins, Pastor.

CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16
The Blood Heb. 9:22
That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13
New Location—Grange Hall
Sunday Services
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
6:45 P. M.—Young people.
7:30 P. M.—Prayer.

Midweek Services

Thursday—7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Every body's Bible Class.
You are welcome.
Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

"We preach Christ crucified for our sins"
10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday—Prayer meeting and Bible study—8:00 p. m.

EXCELSIOR CHURCH (near Darragh).

Services every Friday night—8:00 p. m.
Rev. Chas. Optiz, Pastor

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 10th day of February, 1944.

Present, Honorable Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of William Edward McNay, minor, Debra Weich having filed in said Court her petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, That the 20th day of March, 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 27th day of January A. D. 1944.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Norman E. Butler, having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof.

It is Ordered, That the 6th day of March, A. D. 1944, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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